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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING - DONOR PLEDGES

SUMMARY: RECAPITULATION OF ALL FORMS OF AID REFERRED TO AT MEETING GIVEN BY COUNTRY OR SOURCE. ALL PAK CONSORTILUM MEMBERS EXCEPT NORWAY, WHICH PROVIDES GRANT AID ONLY, MADE DEVELOPMENT AID CONDITIONAL ON RESOLUTION DEBT QUESTION. IN VIEW SENSITIVITY THIS ISSUE, DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER POSTS IS LEFT FOR WASHINGTON DETERMINATION. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE FOLLOW ON A SOURCE- BY- SOURCE BASIS INDICATIONS OF COMMITMENTS MADE BY COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF BANGLADESH, DACCA, MARCH 31- APRIL 1. FOOD AID WAS COMMITTED WITHOUT ANY CONDITION WITH RESPECT TO DIVISION BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN OF LIABILITY OF DEBT FOR OLD AID TO FORMER UNITED STATE. PLEDGES ARE FOR NEW AID, LARGELY DURING FY 74 (JULY 1973- JULY 1974), FIRST YEAR OF BD FIVE YEAR PLAN:

2. COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS:

A. AUSTRALIA - $54,000\,$ METRIC TONS WHEAT UNDER FAC. TOTAL AID AUS. \$12.42 MILLION OVER THREE- YEAR PERIOD THROUGH FY 76, OF CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH AUS. \$4.875 MILLION FOR FY 74. OF TOTAL, AUS. \$8.92 MILLION FOOD AND AUS. \$3.2 MILLION PROJECT. ALL GRANT. NO CONDITIONS PLACED RE SETTLEMENT DEBT ISSUE; AUSTRALIA NOT MEMBER OF PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM AND THEREFORE NOT BOUND BY AGREEMENT RE EVENHANDED TREATMENT OF DEBT MADE BY PAK CONSORTIUM MEMBERS RECENTLY IN PARIS. ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE NO DEBT PROBLEM; ALL PAST AID TO UNITED PAKISTAN WAS GRANT.

- B. AUSTRIA AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI MRS. SAILER, LEADER OF UN MISSION TO BANGLADESH MARCH 1972, WAS TO ATTEND BUT DID NOT APPEAR
- C. BELIGUM 17,500 TONS WHEAT COSTING FR. 11 MILLION, AS PART OF EEC CONTRIBUTION. FR. 50 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT LOAN AT 2 PERCENT INTEREST, FOR 30 YEARS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS GRACE (ON BOTH INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL). LATTER PLEDGE MADE CONDITIONAL ON RESOLUTION DEBT QUESTION.
- D. CANADA \$35 MILLION IN FOOD AID AT 0 PERCENT INTEREST, FOR 50 YEARS INCLUDING 10 GRACE. NO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO BE COMMITTED UNTIL DEBT PROBLEM RESOLVED.
- E. DENMARK NO DIRECT FOOD AID, THOUGH PESTICIDES, PUMPS AND OTHER AID WILL HEGP. SOMEWHAT MORE THAN 30 MILLION KRONE IN LOANS AND GRANTS PLEDGED, AT 0 PERCENT, 35 YEARS, WITH 10 GRACE (AS OPPOSED TO 7 IN PAST). NO CONDITIONS LAID DOWN RE DEBT; NOT MEMBER OF PAK CONSORTIUM.
- F. FRANCE 58,000 TONS WHEAT THROUGH EEC, UNDER FAC, PLUS 15,000 TONS BILATERALLY, PENDING FORTHCOMING ECM DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS. AROUND FR. 20 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AID, CONDITIONAL ON DEBT SETTLEMENT.
 - G. FINLAND WAS INVITED BUT DID NOT APPEAR.
- H. GERMANY 58,000 TONS WHEAT VALUED AT DM 27 MILLION THROUGH EEC, PLUS 38,000 TONS VALUED AT DM 18 MILLION, BILATERALLY. DM 70 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT LOAN, DM 50 MILLION IN COMMODITIES AND DM 20 MILLION FOR PROJECTS, AT 0.75 PERCENT FOR 50 YEARS, 10 GRACE CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT OF DEBT QUESTION.
- I. ITALY UNINSTRUCTED REP WAS CHARGE/ DACCA, WHO MADE NO COMMENT AND NO PLEDGE. ACCORDING TO EEC REP, WILL BE GIVING 17,500 TONS WHEAT THROUGH EEC.
- J. JAPAN 100,000 TONS BROWN RICE, UNDER DEFERRED PAYMENT (NEGOTIATIONS FOR THIS STARTED AUGUST 1972). YEN 9,000 MILLION (\$34 MILLION) IN COMMODITY AID (CF. PREVIOUS REPORTS OF \$40 MILLION OF \$30 MILLION DACCA 1175 AND TOKYO 3106, RESPECTIVELY), PLUS UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT IN PROJECT AID (CF. PREVOUS REPORTS OF \$20 MILLION AND \$78 MILLION). TERMS NOT SPECIFIED. NON-FOOD CONFIDENTIAL.

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AID CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT OF DEBT QUESTION. NOT CONDITIONAL

WERE GRANTS YEN 390 MILLION (\$1.5 MILLION) FO AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE AND YEN 240 MILLION (\$1 MILLION) FOR FURTHER SURVEY OF PROPOSED HUGE BRIDGE ACROSS JAMUNA RIVER.

K. LUXEMBOURG - NOT INVITED. ACCORDING TO EEC REP., WILL BE CONTRIBUTING APPROXIMATELY 6,500 TONS WHEAT THROUGH EEC.

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- R. U. K. 18,000 TONS CEREALS PENDING BRUSSELS DISCUSSIONS.

 3 MILLION POUNDS STERLING COMMODITY LOAN WITH 76 PERCENT GRANT COMPONENT, PLUS UNSPECIFIED PROJECT AID, BOTH CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT OF DEBT QUESTION.
- S. U. S. UP TO \$60 MILLION IN PL 480 TITLE I, DEPENDENT ON SUPPLIES AND BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS, AT LOW RATE OF INTEREST FOR 40 YEARS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS GRACE. UP TO \$50 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AID AT SAME TERMS BUT CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT DEBT QUESTION.
 - T. YUGOSLAVIA CAME AS OBSERVER SAID WILL DO ITS BEST.
- 3. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
 - A. ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK NO SPECIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE
- (2 LOANS UNDER CONSIDERATION).
 - B. EEC 19,450 TONS NON- FAT DRY MILK.
 - C. IBRD/ IDA NO INDICATION GIVEN OF FUTURE ASSISTANCE.
 - D. IMF DITTO.
 - E. UNDP $\$18.5\,$ MILLION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OVER
- 5 YEAR PERIOD.

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